



PSANZ 2010 Congress Managers

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On behalf of the Local Organising Committee we take great pleasure in inviting you to attend PSANZ 2010, the 14th Annual Congress of the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand (PSANZ).

PSANZ 2010 will be held from 28 to 31 March 2010 at the Wellington Convention Centre, Wellington, New Zealand. This is the first time our Congress has been held here and we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy Wellington and its surrounds. Wellington is both the cultural centre and the capital of New Zealand and is renowned for its galleries, museums, restaurants and shopping all of which are within walking distance of the conference centre. Before or after the conference

you may also want to check out the world class Pinot Noir in the Waitarapa (just over an hours drive from Wellington) or fly or sail over Cook Strait to sample world class Sauvignon Blanc in Marlborough.

We want to warmly welcome to the Congress all professionals providing clinical care and research expertise in the many specialties contributing to perinatal care. We hope to continue the tradition that this Annual Congress has of being the most influential gathering place for colleagues within Australasia and beyond to join together to share scientific and clinical knowledge with the common goal of improving perinatal care.

The theme for the Congress is **Specialties working together to ensure optimal long term outcomes.** There will be a particular focus on the multidisciplinary nature of perinatal care and the manner in which early influences can have implications for long term outcomes. If you would like to participate in this Congress as a sponsor or exhibitor, please contact the Congress Managers.

The fundamental objective of PSANZ is to foster communication between health professionals, to advance the practice and understanding of Perinatology and our Annual Congress is the primary forum for this communication.

INVITATION FROM CONGRESS CHAIRS

14th Annual Congress of the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand

Wellington Convention Centre, New Zealand
28 -31 March 2010



Mark your diary now!



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Associate Professor Holly Kennedy

Dr. Kennedy is a graduate of the Frontier School of Midwifery & Family Nursing and obtained her masters degree from the Medical College of Georgia and doctoral degree from the University of Rhode Island. She is currently an Associate Professor at the University of California San Francisco and in 2009 will become the first Helen Varney Professor of Midwifery at Yale University and President (Elect) of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. She is on the faculty of King's College London where she was a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar during 2008. Her research includes numerous qualitative studies exploring the work of midwives and its relationship to health outcomes.

Professor Michael Nelson

Dr. Nelson is the Virginia S. Lang Professor and Vice-Chair of obstetrics and gynecology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A. He is the editor for Placenta, and received the Distinguished Senior Scientist Award from the Society for Gynecologic Investigation in 2007. His research focuses on placental function in normal pregnancy and the dysfunction that contributes to adverse outcomes in pregnancies complicated by preeclampsia and fetal growth restriction. Specific projects include regulation of trophoblast differentiation and apoptosis, the roles of complement, hypoxia, and re-perfusion in placental injury, and the contributions of placental dysfunction in the sub-optimal outcomes associated with assisted reproductive technologies.

Professor Saroj Saigal

Dr. Saroj Saigal is a neonatologist, Professor Emerita of Pediatrics at McMaster University, and Director of the Growth & Development Clinic, a follow-up facility for high-risk infants. Dr Saigal was a recipient of a 5-year career award as Senior Scientist of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (2001-2005) and in 2005 received the Distinguished Neonatologist Award from the Canadian Pediatric Society for her contributions to the field. Dr Saigal and her colleagues have followed one of the few population-based cohorts of extremely low birth weight (ELBW) infants longitudinally from infancy to adulthood. She is also a collaborator for neonatal outcomes in several clinical trials, including Indomethacin for prevention of patent ductus arteriosus, Term Breech study, and multiple courses of antenatal corticosteroids.

Provisional program themes

Through the theme *Specialties working together to ensure optimal long term outcomes*, the organising committee is creating a varied program that will offer delegates updates on current best practice. The aim is to use a multidisciplinary framework to explore a wide range of influences on outcomes in perinatal care.

Speakers from a number of specialties will address maternal, fetal and neonatal outcomes related to the following themes:

- Effect of maternal illness
- Care practices during childbirth
- Neonatal respiratory control
- Placental function and dysfunction
- Maternal mental health
- Perinatal pathology

Expression of interest

To register your interest in attending the PSANZ 2010 Congress please go to <http://psanz2010.eventplanners.com.au>

